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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner:

Claim 1 is objected because of the following informalities: the abbreviation used in this claim (PDA) should be defined.

5 Response:

10 The abbreviation (PDA) used in claim 1 would seem to be defined in the preamble of claim 1 which says "A personal data assistant (PDA)" meaning that a PDA is a personal data assistant. PDAs are well known in the art and structurally defined in the specification and claims. It is believed that no further definition should be necessary for a clear understanding of the invention. As it is wished to comply with requests by the Examiner in all matters pertaining to this application, should the Examiner still require further definition of the abbreviation, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner present a more detailed explanation of what is desired, so that compliance can be obtained.

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Examiner:

20 Claims [1-7, 9-16] are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Mousseau et al ((US 6,477,529). Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Mousseau et al and further in view of Jakobson (US 6,697,838).

Response:

 The present invention addresses a situation in which the user of a PDA has obtained (via e-mail or another method) a file that cannot be opened by the PDA

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5 because the PDA does not have the appropriate application software. Paragraph [0005] uses a Power Point file as an example. When this happens the user must find a computer, upload the file to the computer, and use the computer's hardware and software to view and/or edit the file. When finished, the user can upload the viewed/edited file back to the PDA. It is important to note that in the APA, when viewing/editing the file, the PDA is not being utilized by the user. Instead, the prior art user is utilizing the keyboard, screen, and other resources of the computer to work with the file. This is why it is inconvenient for the user of the PDA (Paragraph [0008]).

10 The present invention solves this problem by allowing a file to be uploaded from the PDA to a server where the file is opened by an appropriate application program resident on the server, and the server transmits images of the opened file back to the PDA for viewing/editing by the user utilizing the PDA's resources.

15 In point "6.b" of the rejection, the Examiner states that the APA does not explicitly teach the PDA sending a file to the server over a network or that images generated by the opened file are transmitted back to the PDA. The Applicant agrees.

20 In point "6.c" of the rejection, the Examiner refers to Col.7, lines 35-43 of Mousseau et al. to anticipate the agreed shortcomings of the APA. However, the Applicant is unable to find any teaching in the cited prior art where the PDA sends a file to the server and the server sends images of the same file (when opened) back to the PDA as is currently claimed.

25 Instead, the cited passage, and the entire reference disclose "transporting user-restricted data from a gateway device to a handheld viewing device" (Col.2, lines 25-28.). The disclosed concept reduces information received over the Internet from a web site to facilitate viewing on the limited resources of the handheld device (Col.1, line 9-Col.2, line 23, Col.4, lines 26-34). Obviously, this concept is very different from that claimed by the present application where the PDA sends a file to the server and the

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5 server sends images of the opened same file back to the PDA. If the Examiner is implying that the source of the web pages forwarded via the gateway device to the PDA is the PDA itself, item 12 of Fig.1 of Mousseau et al. clearly indicates that the teachings are not intended in that light and no suggestion or motivation can be found in the prior art for such a modification.

10 Concerning claim 3, the Applicant is unable to find where in Paragraph [0008] of the current application are teachings of the images being displayed on the display panel of the PDA. The images are viewed on the screen of the computer. Concerning claim 6, the same paragraph does not seem to teach using the input device of the PDA to enter a file close instruction. There is no indication that the instruction is issued, or is transmitted from the PDA, and it is not even inherent that the file is closed before downloading it to the PDA.


15 Claim 10 and all dependent claims can defended as described above. The prior art, alone or in combination with APA do not anticipate, suggest, or motivate the PDA sending a file to the server, the server opening the same file using a corresponding application program, and the server sending images of the opened same file back to the PDA for viewing/editing utilizing resources of the PDA. These claimed limitations are not found in known prior art.

20 Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all claims in the application and requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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